

Dear Jim,

7/4/76

From the volume of what I've been sending, which is reduced from what it was in the past but is greater than what I've sent, I do not know how much time you've had to read any of this. So, while I await "il's return to the house to cover the phone, after which I'll do some moving, an explicit explanation.

From Schweiker to the FOIA suits I've caught them acting in Ford's behalf. Politically, for his campaign, this Mr. Clean, Good Old Honest Jerry.

What I forgot in the Schweiker letter I think I included in that to "art: the WH leak that Schweiker might be a running mate. This did not appear in any paper I saw of JL sent, if you have a clip. I heard it on radio news.

The hunch on the 5/19/64 transcript paid off very well, as the enclosed unread carbon of a suggested covering letter to the judge says. JL will make it out and use or not use as he sees fit.

If I can get some uninterrupted time after Tuesday, perhaps tomorrow, I'll begin some specifics on the interrogatories to the CIA. It will be a polemical set of questions by content if I can keep going and control the language. To this end if you have a clip of David Phillips' appearance on Public TV the night of the Schweiker Report it could be of help because the guy we'll be questioning suppressed ~~xxxx~~ every appearance of Phillips' name in the cable from Mexico and those sent there.

It may, when I do the drafts, seem disjointed. This may be because I'll do first what I can do without consultation with files and off the top. I think the story the questions will tell will interest you. Strangelovian and a movie script in parts. JL will put the questions together as he likes. We've already discussed their structure. He'll also have his won, so I can't organize too well anyway and there is no need to take time for the effort.

In the form in which I've drafted the proposed letter to the judge there is a direct assault on the Archives for suppressing that which is embarrassing to Ford and to him only. However, we have as an adversary an AUSA we've contended with before. He is now party to this deception of the judge, at least the effort, that I think I expose fairly well. He may plead ignorance, so let him. We'll then see how a supposedly no-bull judge reacts.

Ford moved in secret to fired Redlich, was overruled, and the decision to keep all the staff on as security cleared was unanimous. I don't know if Ford voted with the majority or abstained.

It'll be going into this with ChiTrib man day after tomorrow subject to JL's okay. I don't know how, McCormick-less, they view Ford.

After issuance of the report Lane, as you'll know if he has been aired there as in LA, remained a Schweiker defender, with attacks on "art only. I have the text of what is presented as an exclusive article by him in a small DC paper of last week.

best,